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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing by appeal to the Tunney Act to protest the proposed settlement of the Microsoft case. It is very clear that this settlement is an inadequate remedy. I draw your attention to the following issues that must be properly resolved to restore fair competition in this industry.

1. The court must abolish licensing terms which prevent microsoft software from being used on competing operating systems (such as Wine) capable of running Windows software.
2. The court must prevent microsoft from building into its software code which detects and runs aberrantly under competing operating systems.
3. The court should directly encourage the building of microsoft alternative operating systems by offering aid to open-source groups currently engaged in building microsoft compatible operating systems.

I further believe that the continued existence of a corporate entity providing both operating system, all major software and browser for personal computers is a barrier to the development of software that is in the public's interest. Microsoft should be forced to divest itself of Internet Explorer and separately of the Microsoft Office suite of programs.

Sincerely

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